Communal riots in States

356. SHRI F. M. KHAN Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) what is the number of major and minor communal riots which took place in each State during the last three months, months-wise;

(b) the number of persons killed/in-jured in the said riots and total value of properties damaged as a result thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken in this regard and whether any fresh guidelines have been issued to the State Governments to prevent the recurrence of such riots in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PESNSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) As per available information, a Statement showing the particulars of communal incidents in the various States in the country during the last three months is appended. *[See* Appendix CXL, Annexure No. 12] The total value of properties damaged during these incidents is not available.

(c) The necessity of maintaining communal harmony and public order has been time and again stressed on the State Gov-ernments/U.T. Administrations. Suggestions have been made to them to stream line the administrative and intelligence machinery and for measures like arrest of anti-social elements, search and seizure for the recovery of arms and ammunition and action against the elements inciting com-munalism. Central forces have also been made available to the States as and when requests for the same are made. Apart from this, timely alerts are sounded and guidance and advice provided as and when required. A detailed set of guidelines for effective control of communal violence, which was reviewed and revised in 1985 has also been circulated amongst all the State Governments.

It is also in this context that the 15-point programme of the former Prime Minister, Smt. Indira Gandhi, was commended to the State Governments. The National Integration Council deliberated on various issues in its meeting held on 12th September, 1986.

In this connection, Home Minister has also addressed all the Chief Ministers of States/UTs in October, 1986.

Married accommodation for Army Officers at Coachin Naval Base

357. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2171 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th August, 1986 and state;

(a) whether Government have received any communication from a Member of Parliament in connection with allotment of married accommodation to Army Officers at Cochin Naval Base;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(c) whether Headquarters, Southern; Naval Command, Cochin had issued Memorandum No. 1031|12 dated 18-2-1982 which stipulates that the officers, other than Naval officers, will not be entitled to type 'A' accommodation;

(d) if so, what are the reasons for the discrimination;

(e) what is the number of army officers who have not been allotted type 'A' accommodation since 1982, even after completion of the stipulated tenure at Cochin Naval Base; and

(f) what steps Government propose retake to approve more type 'A' accommodation for army officers, especially on medical grounds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIV-RAJ PAUL): (a) Yes, Sir.